

Description			
Date	03/27/2008	Location	Board of Health
Time	Speaker	Note	
6:55:49 AM		<i>Members Present</i> : Eric Bryson, Robin Cory, Laura Larsson, Brian Leland, Bill Murdock, Buck Taylor, Barbara Vaughn <i>Deputy County Attorney</i> : Chris Gray <i>Members Excused</i> : Dennis Alexander, Tim Ford <i>Staff</i> : Toni Lucker, Stephanie Nelson, Tim Roark <i>GLWQD</i> : Alan English <i>Public</i> : Mark Fasting, Kim Kusak, Scott Quinn, Debra Wahlberg	
7:02:31 AM		Meeting called to order and disclaimer for audio broadcasting	
7:03:10 AM		Public Comment on a Non-agenda item - None	
7:03:20 AM	Consent Agenda		
7:04:04 AM	Motion	Buck made a motion to accept the consent agenda as written.	
7:04:06 AM	Second	Brian seconded the motion.	
7:04:16 AM	Vote	The motion passed unanimously. <u>Roll Call</u> : Eric Bryson - yes Robin Cory - yes Laura Larsson - yes Brian Leland - yes Bill Murdock - yes Buck Taylor - yes Barbara Vaughn - yes	
7:04:37 AM		Presentation by Mark Fasting	
7:04:52 AM		Chris, Deputy County Attorney, advised the Board as a group and as individual members on two of it's many duties: 1) promulgation of regulations or setting up the legal framework under which the county is to be regulated under; and 2) the quasi-judicial duty, which involves hearing variances and contested matters. He continued that these two duties are significant for this discussion in that the Board, as a whole and as individuals are allowed, under Montana law, to hear comments from citizens related to their needs and wants. When it comes to the potential for a quasi-judicial role, contested matters or issues related to a case, the Board as a whole and as individuals cannot hear them outside the context of the formal Board as a group. So when hearing from citizens related to a variance, Board members must refrain from	

		those discussions or must recues oneself if predisposed to hearing only one side of the story.
7:08:17 AM	Mark Fasting, Allied Engineering	Mark presented his concerns related to on-site septic systems. His letter of February 27 was submitted into the record at the last Board meeting. His concerns are related to property owners that are proposing a new homesite on property on an existing structure (pre-1966) and therefore does not have a septic permit on file. This system would be considered obsolete.
7:23:07 AM		Mark did not have any suggestions at this time related to any regulatory changes. He asked the Board to be more receptive to variances with new construction that have all environmental conditions satisfied.
7:25:56 AM	Brian Leland	Brian thanked Mark Fasting for his presentation and commented on his philosophy regarding variances.
7:29:22 AM		The Chapter 3 rewrite will occur sometime later this year and be publicly noticed.
7:29:56 AM		Bozeman Solvent Site Letter to DEQ
7:30:07 AM	Alan English, Manager LWQD	<p>Alan presented the status of the Bozeman Solvent Site cleanup to the Board. This well-documented source of groundwater contamination has been in the valley for almost two decades. It is a Superfund Site and Alan feels the cleanup is relatively easy. Forward movement on cleanup has stopped due to an apparent breakdown in the process.</p> <p>Air samples in the building were taken last April that identified the contaminant, PCE. Core soil samples were taken under the building showing high levels of PCE.</p> <p>Joan Miles, State Health Department Director, advised working with Mr. Oppen, Director of DEQ. He distributed a letter to the Board for review and signature. The letter requests that DEQ work with the responsible parties to speed up the process and get the site cleaned up. Alan suggested also requesting a written response to the letter from DEQ outlining the intended actions to speed up remediation at the site.</p>
7:36:32 AM		Board discussion continued about the site.
7:39:16 AM	Motion	Bill made a motion to sign the letter to DEQ with the corrections - timeline for DEQ response and cc: City of Bozeman
7:39:32 AM	Second	Eric seconded the motion.
7:42:09 AM		Board discussion followed.
7:45:51 AM	vote	<p>Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p><u>Roll Call</u> :</p> <p>Eric Bryson - yes</p> <p>Robin Cory - yes</p> <p>Laura Larsson - yes</p>

		<p>Brian Leland - yes Bill Murdock - yes Buck Taylor - yes Barbara Vaughn - yes</p>
7:46:22 AM		Committee Updates
7:46:34 AM		<p><u>Air Quality</u> - The air quality committee did not meet last month. Tim Ford is no longer on the committee and Laura will be on the committee once her dissertation is complete. Brian is collecting information on a potential idling ordinance.</p>
7:47:27 AM	<p>Tim Roark, Environmental Health Director</p>	<p>The March 19th meeting in Helena was an annual review that was well attended by the DEQ Air Monitoring Group and several members representing existing air quality districts. Technical data for particular districts were presented. DEQ's current plan is to switch out the existing monitor at the wastewater treatment plant and replace that with a continuous monitor.</p>
7:49:00 AM		<p>Some additional monitoring was done by DEQ in January and February. The existing monitors in Gallatin County are located 1) at the ConAg in Belgrade and 2) the wastewater treatment plant, and 3) at West Yellowstone. DEQ put monitors Manhattan and one north of Belgrade, where Drycreek Road crosses the E. Gallatin. The theory is that dust and pollution created by Bozeman is traveling down-valley. Car emissions, dust, and other air pollution follows the topography and sinks towards Belgrade and Manhattan. The additional monitoring in January and February verified their pollution transport model. DEQ will present the results to the Board when analysis is complete.</p>
7:52:46 AM		<p>The Board was interested in the results of Chemical Mass Balance Study, but Tim R. reported it is being analyzed and will be known some time in the summer. From this study we will see what the air pollution constituents are.</p> <p>Tim asked DEQ if the speciation monitors would assist in measuring around Holcim. DEQ noted that dioxins cannot be measured by the speciation monitor so would not be appropriate for monitoring at Holcim.</p>
7:59:51 AM		<p>Public Systems</p> <p>Stephanie presented the public systems committee update. The committee has been working towards a collaborative meeting with the Planning Board and the County Commission that will be held this afternoon. The public systems committee is a multi-agency collaboration between Planning, GLWQD, and Board of Health members (Bill, Dr. Ford, Chris & Barb). The water quality issue was generated from the Board's strategic planning session in November 2006. The Department is working to get a better understanding of the magnitude of the issue with the priority being identifying the locations of the systems. The concern has been with public water, sources, and public wastewater systems that are regulated by DEQ. Situations have</p>

		been brought to the Department's attention about the consistency of the monitoring.
8:02:06 AM		Tim R. presented a GIS map created from what is currently known about the location of the public systems - about 75% complete. Currently, 173 sites are listed in the database (there are 158 public water systems and 142 public wastewater systems). Internal discussions are going on about what would surveillance, monitoring, and a communication plan look like; and about expanding that role in terms of more regulatory responsibilities.
8:05:27 AM		Bill commented that there are more immediate concerns for water quality than for air quality. Board discussion followed.
8:09:23 AM		Brian asked that the issue of funding be brought up during the afternoon meeting.
8:11:07 AM	Debra Walberg, Public	She commented that the monitoring of public wastewater and water systems done at the county level is a benefit to the citizens of Gallatin County. She attended the County's gravel pits discussion where she heard about the DEQ's inability to do what they are mandated to do. She has also been involved in discussion in the Four Corners area about sewer & water issues. Representatives from Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, responsible for water issues, say they are not responsible for enforcement. State agencies are not proactively monitoring and identifying issues, i.e., River Rock. She gave another example of DEQ dropping the ball when it came to receiving data required from an entity for a year. She argues that the County and City take control of the monitoring process. Board discussion followed.
8:20:16 AM		Prevention Alliance Stephanie reported on this committee with Robin, Buck, and Laura as members. Two new members have joined the committee: Jenny Halbenriser Haubenreiser , Director of Health Promotion at MSU and Diana McFedder, a nurse from the hospital will also sit on the committee. She spoke to the committee about the trauma statistics the hospital will gather. Cathy Costakis, Montana Nutrition and Physical Activity Program at MSU and City Planning Board member, provided a presentation on the built environment.
8:23:16 AM		Stephanie suggested a mini strategic planning meeting session to set priorities.
8:23:32 AM		Stephanie reported that Laura has been working with the Prevention Alliance providing information on how to get a VISTA volunteer. This may be an opportunity to do education and outreach.
8:27:19 AM		Budget - FY 2009 Stephanie discussed the current fiscal year budget with the Board. Environmental Health is seeing a decrease in septic permits,

		subdivision reviews, and public water inspections. Licensed establishment fees continue to be at a good income level.
8:31:49 AM		Human Services budget looks good - the grants continue to be at level funding and the immunization & international travel programs are doing well. She noted that many external factors can affect the budget.
8:33:04 AM		Stephanie noted that the VISTA volunteer is a \$2,500 commitment from the Department. The volunteer would continue the work on surge capacity - advertising for recruiting and working with MSU to organize themselves for surge capacity, as well as doing some of the prevention alliance work. Stephanie requested a motion from Board to go forward with the VISTA volunteer. It is a one-year assignment to Gallatin County done in collaboration with MSU School of Nursing. , Student Health and the hospital.
8:34:42 AM		Stephanie noted that at the last Board meeting, a \$1,600 budget was presented by Tim Ford to support the air quality student project with travel and batteries for the sampling equipment. Now that she has a better look at the budget, she is concerned about this expense when the EHS budget is so tight. Stephanie will talk with Dr. Ford when he returns from travel. She would like to revisit the conversation about the commitment to Dr. Ford's research.
8:38:30 AM		Eric made a motion to encourage the application for a VISTA volunteer.
8:38:39 AM		Brian seconded the motion.
8:38:50 AM	vote	<p>Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p><u>Roll Call :</u> Eric Bryson - yes Robin Cory - yes Laura Larsson - yes Brian Leland - yes Bill Murdock - yes Buck Taylor - yes Barbara Vaughn - yes</p>
8:39:10 AM		Barb led Board discussion on reconsidering the MSU air quality project financing.
8:41:21 AM		Eric supported the partnership with MSU for a baseline of information that probably would not be used for anything more.
8:43:26 AM		Brian agreed.
8:44:33 AM		Stephanie suggested committing to the six months from the FY 2008 budget and revisiting the conversation after the reality of the FY 2009 budget.
8:45:34 AM		Buck felt that it was reasonable. He added that Stephanie talk with Dr. Ford because he remembered him mentioning he may have other avenues to explore for funding. She will do so and come back to the

		Board with the result.
8:46:36 AM		Health Officer Report
8:46:40 AM		Dennis Alexander rendered his resignation from the Board. His position is a city-appointed one.
8:46:59 AM		An individual with air quality expertise is interested in applying. There are some individuals considering applying for the joint city-county position vacated by Tim Ford. These vacancies have been advertised.
8:49:33 AM		Meeting adjourned.

Secretary

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Chair

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